

B. Re-engineering Service Licenses - Update

D. White briefly explained the work that has been done by the Service Reengineering Committee. Due to many absences at the Operations Team meeting on October 6, this item was tabled until the November Ops Team meeting. J. Bradshaw suggested placing this on the Board's agenda for the next available meeting after it has been presented and review by the Ops Team. Consensus of the Board was that this would be an appropriate course of action.

C. Strategic Planning Draft - Update

J. Fields reported that the Operations Team is continuing work on drafting the action items for the Strategic Plan and that the draft is due back at the Board in April 1999. This item will be removed from the Board's agenda until that time.

D. Unfinished Business - None.

E. Other - None.

3. New Business

A. Ops Team/Committee Action Items

J. Bradshaw reported that several items including work on the Strategic Plan were tabled until the November meeting to enable more coordinators to participate in the discussions. In other business:

- The Ops Team recommended that Donnie Carroll (primary) and Randy Bumps (assistant) be appointed to work on the Awards Committee.
- Work will begin to plan an EMS Day at the Legislature. This was done in 1997 and was generally viewed to be a success.
- KVEMS is hosting an Instructor/Coordinator Program at KVTC on October 17.
- EMS Support Staff will be having a retreat at SMEMS on October 9. There will be a presentation on dealing with difficult people.

B. Investigations Committee Action Items

J. Bradshaw mentioned that there had been some discussion about the Board's decision to publish the Investigations Committee minutes and decisions. Jay asked AAG Paul Gauvreau for his opinion on this and it was confirmed that these are public documents and it is permissible to publish them on the web site and in the Journal.

There was extensive discussion about the role of services in monitoring personnel licenses and the responsibility of the individual licensees. Suggestions included helping fire services in their conversion to becoming EMS providers, providing information to all public safety responders about the issues surrounding the changing roles of EMS providers, and providing assistance to service chiefs about trends that seem to be emerging.

***MOTION: To develop a mechanism to communicate advisory findings and trends to services chiefs, such as inspection trends, investigation trends, etc. (Dunwoody; second by Leach). Carried.***

C. Waiver Request - Rob Tarbox

D. White distributed and reviewed a summary of the request by Robert Tarbox to enable him to enter the paramedic program sponsored by Tri County EMS. Mr. Tarbox had been an EMT-Intermediate whose license expired in December 1995. Although he completed a Paramedic program in May 1992, he was never licensed as such.

In order to enter the current TCEMS Paramedic Program, the EMS Rules (§ 9.A(1)(j)) requires that an individual be trained at the level from which the course starts. The TCEMS Paramedic program starts at the EMT-Intermediate level. Mr. Tarbox has met with both Joanne LeBrun and David Stuchiner, M.D., to discuss his previous EMS activity and his interest in pursuing Paramedic training at this time. This request has the support of TCEMS and its medical director, PACE Ambulance and Stevens Memorial Hospital.

Following detailed discussion about Mr. Tarbox's training, activity, and future plans, the following motion was made:

***MOTION: To accept Robert Tarbox's history of training which includes a basic EMS Refresher Course as satisfying the requirements (§6.D(6)(i)) for licensure as a Basic EMT, and approve the waiver of § 9.A(1)(j) to enable him to enter the TCEMS Paramedic Program provided that at the completion of the Critical Care section of the Paramedic Course (December 1998) and the corresponding clinical (i.e. IVs, intubations, etc.), Mr. Tarbox apply for licensure as an EMT-I. The Board will accept this training as being equivalent to an EMT-I refresher and consider this adequate in accordance with §6.D(6)(i). (Hayes; second by Dunwoody). Carried unanimously.***

D. Other - None

## 5. Staff Report

### A. Activities

J. Bradshaw reported that it is anticipated that all annual inspections will be completed by the end of October. Jay also mentioned that the support staff from the state and regional offices will be meeting at SMEMS on October 9. They will have a presentation on dealing with difficult people and discuss other items of interest (e.g. forms used, license program, etc.).

Jay reported that the Trauma Advisory Committee Data Subcommittee met to discuss producing a report from Trauma Center data that can be distributed. Jay and Cindy Scribner will be working on this report and have a draft for presentation to the Trauma Advisory Committee at the TAC meeting on October 21.

Dwight presented a summary of the recent National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators (NCSEMSTC) annual meeting. Jay mentioned that Dwight Corning was elected as the Eastern Region Representative and as Treasurer of the NCSEMSTC.

Jay also reported that he and Dr. Chagrasulis will be attending the annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Directors October 27-November 1, in Asheville, NC.

#### B. MDPB

Dr. Chagrasulis reported that in September the MDPB completed approval of approximately half of the MEMS Protocols and anticipates completing the remaining portion in October. The MDPB also reviewed the air ambulance protocols developed by LifeFlight of Maine and approved them for use by personnel when working for an air ambulance service. Dr. Chagrasulis clarified that this meant flight nurses could now use these protocols when providing care at an emergency scene and/or enroute to a hospital; however, before paramedics are able to use these protocols the training components will have to be reviewed by the Education Committee and approved by MEMS. There will also be Board action required with regard to Rules waivers, etc.

#### 6. Other

Jay reminded those present that Denise Lindahl has decided not to pursue another term when her current term expires this month. This will create an opening for an emergency nurse. The position of For-Profit Ambulance representative also expires this month; however, Leo Bouchard has expressed an interest in serving for another term. There is also an opening for a second Public representative. Anyone interested in these positions is asked to contact Jay Bradshaw at MEMS.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.